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and Howard Humphrays, Treasurer. This association is making a strong fight at present against billboards. On November 20th the Illinois State Art Commission completed its organization and elected Ralph Clarkson chairman and Jean Jansen Secretary. At the next meeting of the committee Governor Deneen is to be present. The whole State is taking a keen interest in the proposed plan for the artistic development of Chicago, recently published by the Commercial Club of that city, and efforts will be exerted to insure its fulfillment.

The Architectural Club, NEWS FROM DENVER recently formed in Denver for the purpose of aiding the progress of art and architecture, has given practical evidence of its desire to render public service by bringing to the city the collection of studies and cartoons by Edwin Blashfield, lately shown in Pittsburgh and Buffalo. collection consists of drawings and studies made in preparation for mural decorations in various public buildings and affords opportunity for a closer study and comparison of the artist's methods than even the finished works.

Ground has just been broken for the foundation of the Pioneers' Monument now in course of execution by Frederick MacMonnies, and it is thought that the granite base and shaft will be ready for the emplacement of the bronze groups early in the coming year.

The Artists' Club of Denver is preparing to hold a small sketch exhibition of its members' works—the last exhibition, probably, before possession is taken of the gallery which the club will hereafter control in the Public Library.

MCKIM A memorial meeting in honor of the late Charles Follen McKim was held in the New Theater, New York, on the evening of November twenty-third, Mr. George B. Post presiding. Addresses were made by Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Mr. Robert Peabody,

Hon. Elihu Root, and Mr. Walter Cook. and tributes of appreciation paid by Prof. H. Langford Warren, of Harvard University; President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University; Mr. Joseph H. Benton, of the Boston Public Library, and Mr. John Cadwalader, of the New York Public Library. Choate told chiefly of Mr. McKim's home life and training, of his schooling and preparation for his professional career, of his inherent strength of character and tenacity of purpose. Mr Cook dwelt upon his period of study abroad and his high professional ideals. Mr. Root spoke of his service to the National Government and the part he had taken in developing the plan for the artistic upbuilding of Washing-And finally to these tributes Mr. Cadwalader added yet another, telling of Mr. McKim's eagerness to help the architects who won the competition for the New York Public Library, when he himself had been defeated through a departure from the program, the incident being characteristic of his generous spirit, unbiased judgment, and enthusiasm for professional achievement.

Canandaigua, New York, PRIVATE AID FOR PUBLIC. is to have a new Fed-ENTERPRISE eral building which, thanks to the generosity of a single individual, Mrs. Fred F. Thompson, will be a credit to the city and the Federal Government. An appropriation was made by Congress for the purchase of land and the erection of this building, but insufficient to secure the logical site or to provide a building harmonious in design with the colonial Court House and handsome new High School, near which it would stand. The difficulty in regard to the land was obviated by Mrs. Smith's purchasing it and selling it to the Government for the amount appropriated, which was twenty thousand dollars less than its cost, but when it came to altering the plan the question became more difficult, it being impossible for the Government to accept a gift in part payment for a specified work.